(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many children are employed in hazardous industries such as Beedi factories, bangles industry, carpet industry, chemical factories etc.;

(d) whether Government have also made a survey to find out the child labour in Madhya Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) what action Government propose to take to improve the lot of child labour in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The latest Census figures available are with reference to the year 1981. According to this, the number of Child labour in the age group of 0-14 years in the country was 13.6 million. As per the 43rd round of survey conducted by the National Sample Survey in 1987-88, the number of child labour was 17 million. No authentic data on the number of child labour engaged in different industries are available.

(d) and (e) The number of child labour in Madhya Pradesh as per 1981 census was 1,698,597.

(f) There are a number of legislations which prohibit the employment of children below 14 years in certain occupations/processes and regulate their conditions of work in other areas with a view to protect them from exploitation at work and also to improve their working conditions. The National Policy on Child Labour, 1987, *inter alia*, envisages project based plan of action in areas of concentration of child labour and focussing on general development programmes for the benefit of child labour. Financial assistance to voluntary organisations is also provided to take action oriented project.

2076. [*Transferred to the 11th May, 1992.*]

Family pension to workers

2077. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Trustees has formulated any scheme to utilise the portion of the Employers' share of workers' Provident Fund for family pension to the workers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have consulted the workers on this matter, and if so, the reaction of the workers thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund is a tripartite body consisting of representatives from employees, employers and Government. The Board has unanimously recommended introduction of a suitable Pension Scheme for all provident fund subscribers utilising the employers' share of PF contribution alongwith the existing family pension fund. The Scheme provides for payment of monthly pension in the case of retirement, superannuation, death etc.

खाली पड़े आरक्षित पद

2078. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

कुमारी आलिया :

क्या **प्रधान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) श्रम मंत्रालय में इस वर्ष के प्रारंभ में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए आरक्षित अधिकारियों और अन्य श्रेणियों के कितने कितने पद खाली पड़े थे ;